

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~A~~An accessory mounting device for equipping a recliner ~~with one or more accessories~~, said accessory mounting device comprising a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a section of the recliner, the base frame including a number of mounting locations, and a plurality of recliner accessories, each of which is arranged for attachment to a corresponding one or more of said mounting locations, in order to be positioned in an operative position on an exterior of the recliner.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~A~~The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a first sleeve member at one or more of said mounting locations, the first sleeve member being positioned so as to be exposed to or accessible from a peripheral region of the recliner.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~A~~The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 2, further comprising a pair of first sleeve members at one or more of said mounting locations, the pair of first sleeve members being arranged to be oriented horizontally adjacent a side peripheral edge region, a rear peripheral edge region or a front peripheral region of the recliner.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~A~~The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a second sleeve member at one or more of said mounting locations, the second sleeve member being arranged to be oriented vertically adjacent a side peripheral edge region, a rear peripheral edge region or a front peripheral edge region and to be exposed to or accessible from a peripheral region of the recliner.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 4, wherein each of the second sleeve members is arranged to be oriented vertically and positioned adjacent a side face, a rear face or a front face of the recliner.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 5, wherein one or more of the second sleeve members is arranged to be oriented vertically and positioned near a respective corner of the recliner.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 1 wherein the device further comprises an undercarriage to render the recliner mobile when the device is mounted thereon.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 7 wherein the undercarriage includes a pair of rear caster wheels, each of which is mounted on the base frame portion in order to be located against each rear corner of the recliner.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 8 wherein the undercarriage includes a pair of front caster wheels, each to be located against each front corner of the recliner.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 1 wherein the base frame portion includes a pair of corner formations, each to enclose a corresponding corner region of the recliner.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 10, further comprising a frame member joining the corner formations together.

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 10 wherein each corner formation includes a bottom portion to engage a bottom face of the recliner.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 12 wherein each corner formation includes a side portion to engage a side face of the recliner.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 13 wherein each corner formation includes a rear portion to engage a rear face of the recliner.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 14 wherein the bottom, side and rear portions respectively include a bottom, side and rear panels which are attached together at adjacent edges thereof.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 10, further comprising a frame member joining the corner formations together, the frame member being adjustable to adjust the spacing between the corner formations, thereby to accommodate recliners of varying dimensions.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 1 wherein the accessories include one or more push bars positionable in selected ones of the second sleeve members for pushing the recliner.

Claim 18 (currently amended): ~~A~~-The accessory mounting device as defined in claim 1 wherein the accessories include one or more trays, document holders, or carriers for securing and/or positioning articles on the recliner.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A mounting bracket for equipping a chair with one or more accessories, comprising a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a section of the chair, the base

frame including a plurality of mounting locations for receiving the accessories in an operative position on an exterior of the chair.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): A chair, comprising a chair frame supporting a seat portion and a back portion, a mounting bracket mounted on the chair and a number of chair accessories removably attached to the mounting bracket, the mounting bracket further comprising a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a rear section of the chair, the base frame including a plurality of mounting locations, each of the chair accessories being arranged for attachment to a corresponding one or more of said mounting locations, in order to be positioned in an operative position on an exterior of the chair.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): A method of equipping a chair with accessories, comprising the steps of:

- providing a chair with a frame supporting a seat portion and a back portion;
- providing a mounting bracket assembly with a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a section of the chair;
- providing a number of mounting locations on the mounting bracket assembly for removably mounting a number of chair accessories thereon; installing the mounting bracket assembly on the chair; and installing the accessories on the mounting bracket.

Claim 22 (original): A conversion device for converting a recliner chair comprising a base with one or more bottom frame plate portions to engage a lower surface of the recliner chair, and a plurality of mounting means for providing mounting locations for one or more peripheral articles for use with respect to the recliner chair.

Claim 23 (original): A device as defined in claim 22 further comprising an upright frame plate portion attached to each bottom frame plate portion to engage a side or rear portion of the recliner chair.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A mounting bracket assembly for equipping a recliner with one or more accessories, comprising a pair of corner bracket units, each having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a corner region of the recliner, each corner bracket including bottom plate portion, at least one of a side plate portion and a rear base portion, wherein adjacent pairs of the plate portions are attached together along their edges, and a number of mounting formations on one or more of the plate portions, each mounting formation being arranged to engage a complementary shaped mounting member on a recliner accessory article.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): A kit for converting a recliner chair, comprising a pair of corner bracket units, each having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a corner region of the recliner, each corner bracket including bottom plate portion, a side plate portion and a rear base portion, wherein adjacent pairs of the plate portions are attached together along their edges, and a number of mounting formations on one or more of the plate portions, the kit further comprising one or more of:

at least one push bar which is positionable with a corresponding mounting formation in one or more of the corner brackets so as to be adjacent a rear corner of the recliner chair, the push bar having a handle formation which is operatively positioned at an elevation within reach of a caregiver operator of the recliner;

a tray assembly having a mounting arm which is positionable with one of said mounting formations, the tray assembly including an arm which is arranged to operatively position the tray adjacent the recliner;

one or more of a medication holder for securing a medication container; a holder for supporting a medical accessory and one or more bumper members for preventing damage to the recliner, each having at least one engaging means for engaging a corresponding mounting formation.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A kit as defined in claim 25 wherein the medication holder has a frame for securing the medication container, the frame being length extensible to accommodate varying lengths of medication containers.